

January 1949

Happenings of the Month

ELECTION RESULTS

As a result of the balloting which has just occurred in six ARRL divisions, four new directors and two new alternates have been elected for the 1949-50 term, and two incumbent directors and one incumbent alternate have been returned to office. Here are the details:

In the Central Division, John G. Doyle, W9GPI, was elected in close balloting:

John G. Doyle, W9GPI.....	701 votes
George E. Keith, W9QLZ.....	657 votes
Carl A. McKay, W9IDZ.....	296 votes

Jack Doyle is president of the North Shore Motor Company of Milwaukee. He is a director and an honorary life member of the Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club, and was general chairman of last year's ARRL National Convention. He is an active amateur of many years' standing, and has held PAM and OBS appointments.

Wesley E. Marriner, W9AND, is the Central's new alternate director, the voting having been:

Wesley E. Marriner, W9AND.....	1044 votes
Raymond L. Hupp, W9CLF.....	592 votes

Wes Marriner is an assistant to the research engineer of the Illinois State Highway and Engineering Office. He was active in the affairs of the Ogle Radio County Traffic Association and is a former RM. During the war, Wes was an instructor in radio-operating procedure at the Officer's Candidate School of Yale University. He is currently SCM of Illinois, active in the Rock River Amateur Radio Club, and holds appointments as ORS, OPS and OBS.

In the New England Division, the incumbent, Percy C. Noble, W1BVR, was returned to office by a thumping majority. The voting:

Percy C. Noble, W1BVR.....	998 votes
Frank L. Baker, Jr., W1ALP.....	332 votes
David F. Erickson, W1NLU.....	271 votes
Arthur A. Stockellburg, W1SS.....	200 votes
Lawrence R. Mitchell, W1HIL.....	93 votes

Clayton C. Gordon, W1HRC, won the alternate post handily by receiving 1358 votes to 487 for Carroll O. Peacor, W1GAG. Thus Clayton Gordon resumes the alternate post he held for three terms, 1941-1946.

In the Northwestern Division R. Rex Roberts, W7CPY, the current alternate, was elected the new director, the voting having been:

R. Rex Roberts, W7CPY.....	470 votes
Harold W. Johnston, W7DXF.....	330 votes
Raleigh A. Munkres, W7HAZ.....	232 votes

Rex Roberts is manager of the Glendive and Wibaux, Mont., exchanges of the Mountain State Telephone and Telegraph Co. He has served four terms as alternate director of his division, as well as several terms as SCM of Montana. He holds appointments as PAM and OPS.

As previously reported, Allen D. Gunston, W7GP, has been elected alternate director of the Northwestern Division without membership balloting.

In the Roanoke Division balloting, Everett L. Battey, W4IA, was elected the new director when he received 520 votes to 254 for the incumbent, Hugh L. Caveness, W4DW. Ev Battey has the long title of "administrative assistant for elec-



With nearly 10,000 votes cast, the annual ballot-counting operation occupies a full day at HQ. In this corner are, l. to r. around table, Treas. Houghton, Comm. Mgr. Handy, Asst. Secy. Huntoon, Mr. Soule (certified public accountant who triple-checks the tallies), Acting Secretary Budlong, President Bailey Asst. Secy. Baldwin.

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tronics and special schools, officer training section, field administration division, training activity, Navy Department." He has taken particular interest in organization matters, starting perhaps with his term as SCM of Eastern Massachusetts from 1927 to 1929; he then became assistant communications manager on the Headquarters staff where he served until March, 1947, when he resigned to take up his present work. He is a commander, USNR, and was on active duty for five years during the war.

In the race for alternate the incumbent, J. Frank Key, W4ZA, was reelected when he received 449 votes to 319 for his opponent, William H. Jacobs, W4CVQ.

In the Southwestern Division, the new director is John R. Griggs, W6KW, who received 831 votes to 520 for the incumbent, Hans R. Jepsen, W6KEI. John Griggs is research laboratory analyst for the Consolidated Vultee Aircraft Corporation of San Diego. He has been licensed since 1922, and is especially active in affairs of the San Diego Amateur Radio Club and the San Diego County Council of Amateur Radio Clubs, being respectively president and chairman of those associations at present. He served overseas during the war as a radar field engineer.

As previously reported, John E. Bickel, W6NY, was elected alternate director without membership balloting.

In the West Gulf Division the incumbent, Wayland M. Groves, W5NW, was returned to office by receiving 685 votes to 265 votes for his opponent, Richard W. White, W5EEY. As previously reported, the new alternate in the West Gulf Division is David H. Calk, W5BHO.

Almost exactly 50% of the eligible voters returned ballots in the six divisions where balloting took place, but individual divisions varied well above and below that figure, as can be seen:

Division	% of Membership Voting
Central.....	43.4
New England.....	58.4
Northwestern.....	52.9
Roanoke.....	56.4
Southwestern.....	47.9
West Gulf.....	47.8

ATLANTIC CITY REGULATIONS

The Atlantic City regulations, with the exception of the allocation table below 27.5 Mc., become effective January 1, 1949, and it is incumbent on the ratifying countries, of whom the United States is one, to alter their service regulations to comply with the new international provisions. For some services this is going to mean some substantial changes, but amateurs — especially we in the United States — will hardly notice the difference between the old and the new. The allocation table above 27.5 Mc. under Atlantic City is what we have here now, with the

exception of a slight shift in the 11-meter band; other changes in the international regulations applicable to amateurs are mostly editorial clarification, although one or two Q signals change somewhat and there will eventually be some new call allocations for some countries.

Our 11-meter band, now 27.160-27.430 Mc., will be shifted to 26.960-27.230 Mc. This shift is now in process at FCC but has not yet been made; it shouldn't be long, however, so keep an ear out for W1AW if you're one of the boys on "11." While on this subject of allocations, bear in mind that only that portion of Atlantic City allocations above 27.5 Mc. is effective January 1st; as further explained in this month's editorial, the new table below 27.5 Mc. is not yet effective. This means both that we do not yet acquire operating rights to our new 21-Mc. band, and that the 50-kc. cut at the high end of the 14-Mc. band doesn't take place. Don't look for them soon, either; it will probably be the end of the year, at the earliest, before these changes occur.

Apart from allocations, there will eventually be a change in the system for indicating types of emission, but we'll go into those when the FCC acts to put them into effect here. A desirable addition to the international regs is that the amateur service is now recognized and defined as "A service of self-training, intercommunication and technical investigations carried on by amateurs, that is, by duly authorized persons interested in radio technique solely with a personal aim and without pecuniary interests." The definition of an amateur station is simply a station in the amateur service. Both these are in accord with our wishes.

Changes in existing Q signals are for the most part merely editorial, except for QRI and QRX, where the exact meaning will now be slightly different although still treating of the same subject matter as before; these will be discussed next month in Operating News, as will the merits of some of the new Q signals that have been created under Atlantic City which may have amateur application. In connection with call allocation blocks, the United States inherits the AAA-ALZ series, but it is not anticipated that amateur calls will be assigned from it; some foreign allocations have been changed and will be reported in these pages when actual changes in amateur calls are made.

Under the old Cairo regulations, there was an Article 8 which gave general treatment to certain aspects of amateur stations and private experimental stations. Under Atlantic City, this article becomes Article 42, and — again as we wished — is devoted solely to us amateurs; experimental stations are given a separate article. Aside from editorial changes for purposes of clarification, this article duplicates old Article 8 except for one new provision appearing as the last sentence of paragraph (1) of § 3, where it is now provided that the code requirement may, if desired, be waived in

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